August, 1999, as assured to the central JCM for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, if taken, even late;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether the assured review is likely to be undertaken at all; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The total number of administrative transfers effected were 213. Out of these in 67 cases discreet enquiries have been conducted so far. Assitant Commissioners have been asked to conduct discreet enquiries in respect of the remaining cases.

Promotion of Sanskrit

3120. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a sizeable section of the people in the country are keen that Government take active steps to develop and propularise Sanskrit, which contains acme of Indian philosophy and wisdom;

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking of taking effective and quick steps in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government has already taken several steps to develop and popularize Sanskrit. These include a Central Plan Scheme for the development of Sanskrit education through the State Governments. Under this scheme

financial assistance is given to Sanskrit pandits in indigent circumstances, scholarships are provided to Sanskrit students, facilities provided for teaching Sanskrit in schools, assistance given for the modernization of Sanskrit Pathshalas and grants given to State Governments for various promotional schemes for Sanskrit.

In addition, Government has set up the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, an autonomous organization for the promotion of Sanskrit. It imparts Sanskrit studies up to doctorate level in its 8 Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeethas and 21 Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya/Shodh Sansthans. It also provides financial assistance under various other schemes for Sanskrit.

Further, Government has set up two deemded Sanskrit Universities, the Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha at New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha at Tirupati. They provide degree, diploma and Ph.D. courses.

In addition, numerious Central and other Universities and schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education offer Sanskrit courses. University Grants Commission (UGC) also has a special Assistance Programme for Sanskrit.

Further, various State Governments also have their own schemes for the propagation of Sanskrit.

Recently, the UGC has formulated a Scheme for the promotion of Sanskrit. It has decided, in principle, to set up simple Sanskrit speaking centres in selected universities so that those interested in Sanskrit are benefited.

Government also honours eminent Sanskrit scholars every year with its President's award of the Certificate of Honour.

Transfer guidelines for KVs employees

3121. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: